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SUBJ: FORMAL MEETING OF THIRD COMMITTEE - APRIL 17, 1975

1. SUMMARY: MEETING FEATURED A PRESENTATION BY CANADIAN MINISTRY ON ENVIRONMENT ON POLLUTION. DISCUSSION THEN FOCUSED ON SOVIET SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROPOSAL, L26, WITH GENERALLY FAVORABLE COMMENTS BY IRELAND AND BELGIUM AND AN AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT BY ALGERIA. ADVERSE COMMENTS ON L 26 WAS MADE BY BRAZIL, CHINA, CHILE, ALBANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. GREECE INTRODUCED PROPOSAL ON OCEAN DUMPING, L 27 WHICH ELICITED LITTLE REACTION.

2. CANADA: CANADIAN MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, JEANNE SAUVE, STATED CANADA IS COMMITTED TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, BUT STRESSED THEIR DESIRE FOR TANGIBLE RESULTS FROM THE GENEVA SESSION. WHILE NOT FORECASTING WHAT CANADA WOULD DO, SHE STATED IT WAS CLEAR THAT
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SOME GOVERNMENTS WILL FEEL COMPELLED TO ACT UNLESS

THERE WERE TANGIBLE RESULTS. ADDRESSING REMAINDER OF THE REMARKS TO POLLUTION, SHE SAID CERTAIN SPECIES OF COASTAL STOCKS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DAMAGED BY POLLUTION. THUS, THE ECONOMIC ZONE CANNOT RELATE SOLELY TO RESOURCES SINCE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IS INSEPARABLE FROM RESOURCES MANAGEMENT. REFERRING TO THE DOUBLE STANDARD QUESTION, SHE SAID ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SUGGESTED THAT TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND ASSISTANCE AS MEANS TO ENHANCE THESE CAPACITIES. SHE QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM THE STOCKHOLM DECLARATION AND PRINCIPLES AND URGED THE COMMITTEE TO BUILD ON THAT FOUNDATION.

3. IRELAND: CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS ON L 26, ICELAND STATED WHILE IT FAVORS A QUALIFIED CONSENT REGIME, IT BELIEVED L 26 TILTED TOO FAR IN THE DIRECTION OF THE COASTAL STATE. IT IDENTIFIED THE LACK OF GUIDELINES FOR MAKING THE DISTINCTION, DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, AND DEFINITE TIME PERIOD FOR A RESPONSE AS SERIOUS OMISSIONS.

4. YUGOSLAVIA: BELIEVED CONSENT WAS REQUIRED BECAUSE THE DIVISION BETWEEN RESOURCES RELATED AND NON-RELATED RESEARCH WAS TOO TENUOUS A DISTINCTION. STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE VIEW THAT FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXISTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA AND STATED COMMITTEE SHOULD "SEARCH FURTHER FOR PROPER ROLE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO RESEARCH ON THE SEABED."

5. BRAZIL: VIEWED THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF RESEARCH AS FALLACIOUS AND STRESSED THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REGIME FOR RESEARCH IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE. CONCLUDED BY REFERRING TO CANADIAN STATEMENT AT LAST COMMITTEE III MEETING THAT A CONSENT REGIME HAS NOT AND WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE CONDUCT OF SCIENCE AND BY SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH L 26 WAS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION HE HOPED COSPONSORS WOULD TAKE REMAINING STEP AND ACCEPT CONSENT REGIME.

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6. CHINA: CONSENT FOR RESEARCH IS NECESSARY BECAUSE ALL RESEARCH IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RELATED TO ITS SECURITY AND RESOURCES. VIEWED EFFORT BY SUPERPOWERS TO DENY COASTAL STATE CONSENT FOR RESEARCH AS A MEANS TO CARRY OUT OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDER THE GUISE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. TO PREVENT PLUNDER OF RESOURCES AND SUPER-POWER MARITIME HEGEMONY, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE

INTERNATIONAL AREA MUST BE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY.

7. UKRAINE SSR AND BELGIUM: UKRAINE STATED THAT COMMITTEE I, NOT COMMITTEE III, SHOULD DEAL WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AREA AND STATED THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE FREE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AS WELL AS OTHER INDIVIDUALS OR COUNTRIES. BELGIUM, AS A COSPONSOR OF L 19, FOUND DISTINCTION IN L 26 BETWEEN RESOURCES RELATED AND NON-RELATED TROUBLESOME BUT INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A FURTHER CLARIFICATION. BELGIUM STATED THAT ABSENCE OF A DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROVISION IN L 26 WAS SERIOUS DEFICIENCY.

8. ALBANIA: AFTER THEIR USUAL SUPERPOWER POLEMICS (TO WHICH THE SOVIET UNION EXERVISED ITS RIGHT OF REPLY), ALBANIA STATED THAT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE COASTAL STATE. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO PROVIDE THAT RESEARCH SHALL BE CONDUCTED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES SINCE IMPERIALIST POWERS HAVE NON-PEACEFUL PURPOSES IN MIND WHEN RESEARCH IS CONDUCTED CLOSE TO THE SHORES OF COASTAL STATES.

9. ALGERIA: FOUND L 26 TO BE A POSITIVE STEP SINCE IT CONTAINED CONCESSIONS BET VIEWED IT AS INADEQUATE. WHILE ATTACKING TWO REGIMES FOR RESOURCES RELATED AND NON-RESOURCE RELATED RESEARCH, STATED THAT THEY DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MORE FLEXIBLE REGIME FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH.
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